

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2009

CITY OF READING CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PA HOUSE BILL No. 1682 "COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND COLLABORATIVE SERVICES ACT

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives House Local Government Committee, is considering HB 1682 (PN 2123) having been introduced by its prime sponsor Representative Mike Sturla of Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is co-sponsored by Berks County representatives Dante Santoni and Thomas Caltagirone acting as representatives of the citizens of Greater Reading; and

WHEREAS, HB 1682 would provide legislation that would enable county commissioners in the state of Pennsylvania to adopt local legislation for the purpose of providing relief from county and municipal property tax; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the provisions of HB 1682 would allow the collection of an additional one percent sales tax, said amount to be collected by the state and returned to the county for distribution; and

WHEREAS, the merits of this legislation include not only property tax relief, but also provision of additional support for the general fund of the city of Reading, and for all other municipalities in Berks County; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of such legislation would provide for and encourage collaboration among municipalities in the funding of shared cultural, recreational, public safety and public works efforts so as to unburden the taxpayers of the load of carrying regional amenities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Reading strongly encourages the enactment of HB 1682 by the General Assembly and the subsequent adoption by the Berks County Board of Commissioners to help create a fairer system of taxation based on ability to pay vs putting undo burden on property owners many of whom live on fixed income with limited resources.

Adopted on July 13, 2009


Vaughn Spencer

President of Council

ATTEST:

Linda A. Kelleher

City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 13 day of July, A. D. 2009. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 14 day of July, A. D. 2009.


CITY CLERK